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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

This lawsuit is entirely baseless! I fail to see the stability in a government who on the one side, endorses free enterprise, while on the other, punishes those who excel in their industry. This is how I view the treatment that Microsoft has had to endure over the past three years. This is truly unfair. Microsoft should not be blamed for being a leader in their industry and yet, their efforts to innovate, improve the economy, provide affordable and user-friendly software, have all been rewarded with friction on both the state and federal level.

I realize that the federal government has recently reached a settlement with Microsoft and that the opposition now is mostly at the state level. I am therefore writing to express my opinion and to ask that you continue to do all you can to bring this case to a close. Microsoft has truly been cooperative in this entire matter and have opened up their infrastructure-so to speak--in order to accommodate their competitors. They have agreed to uniform pricing, and disclosure of internal interfaces and protocols.

Microsoft seems to be satisfied with the settlement as is evidenced by their compliance. Please make every effort to relay this compliance to the remaining opposing states.

Sincerely,

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cc: Senator Strom Thurmond
Representative Lindsey Graham